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In re Application of :
Horen et al. : DECISION
Application No. 09/916,655 : ON PETITION
Filed : July 27, 2001 :
Attorney Docket Number: :
A-69479/RMA :

This is a decision in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 1, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **granted**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the final Office action, mailed July 19, 2005. The Notice set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months from the mail date of the Notice, and also provided for extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant filed a reply on November 23, 2005; however, the reply failed to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant was so notified in an Advisory Action mailed December 28, 2005.

No complete and proper reply having been received, the application became abandoned October 20, 2005. The mailing of this Decision precedes the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment.

With the instant petition, Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and a submission in the form of an Amendment.

This application is being returned to Technology Center 2151 for processing of the RCE and Amendment in due course.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek Woods", is written over the printed name.

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